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HONG KONG--A GRAY-HAIRED AMERICAN MOTHER WHO HAS "NEVER LOST HOPE" CROSSED INTO COMMUNIST CHINA TODAY IN ANOTHER EFFORT TO BRING OUT HER SON WHO HAS BEEN IMPRISONED THERE FOR 11 YEARS.

MRS. RUTH REDMOND, 65, OF YONKERS, N.Y., CARRIED WITH HER A PACKAGE OF SHOES, SWEATERS AND VITAMIN PILLS FOR HER SON, HUGH, WHO IS BEHIND BARS IN SHANGHAI.

CARL SEASWORD OF THE U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL'S OFFICE AND BRITISH OFFICIALS WATCHED AS MRS. REDMOND, WEARING A TWO-PIECE BROWN AND BEIGE SUIT, SHOWED HER PASSPORT TO COMMUNIST CHINESE CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AT THE BORDER WITH THIS BRITISH COLONY.

NO PHOTOGRAPHERS WERE ALLOWED AT THE BORDER. SECURITY REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN TIGHTENED RECENTLY BECAUSE OF A SERIES OF TIME BOMB EXPLOSIONS ON THE CHINESE SIDE.

AS MRS. REDMOND CROSSED OVER, CHINESE LOUD SPEAKERS BROADCAST PROPAGANDA AND MARCHING MUSIC.

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